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MEDIA RELEASE ♦ Fake Patty's Day 2018♦

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MANHATTAN, KAN. – MANHATTAN, KAN. – On Saturday, March 10, 2018, the Riley County Police Department will establish and maintain an Operations Center at the Manhattan City Park Pavilion for the annual Fake Patty's Day celebration.

The Public Information Officer for the Riley County Police Department will host periodic news briefings throughout the day to update the public and members of the media on crime occurring during the event.

These briefings are open to members of the press and will be held at 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM, and 7:00 PM. Those who wish to attend will need valid credentials in order to gain access to the Operations Center. Limited and temporary parking will be permitted, but subject to availability for members of the press. Parking space is not intended for long term or all day parking. The Law Enforcement Operations Center is not open to the public.

Interviews, media tours, and live broadcasts can be scheduled through the Public Information Officer prior to the event.

The Riley County Police Department will be active on Twitter and Facebook throughout the day and the week prior to Fake Patty's Day. We encourage patrons of this fake holiday to follow them for updates.

RCPD would like to remind those attending the event to celebrate responsibly and to not drink past a safe limit or get behind the wheel after consuming any alcohol. Officers will be out in significant numbers attempting to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for the community members of Manhattan who choose to participate, and those who don't.

Moro Street from North Manhattan Avenue to 11th St. in Aggieville will be closed to vehicle traffic at 7:00 AM on Saturday, March 10th. Any vehicles parked on this roadway after that time will be towed. The area will still be open to pedestrian and street vending traffic.

For more information visit www.RileyCountyPolice.org/public-info/fake-pattys-day .